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As Executive Director, JD is responsible for developing and implementing the strategic framework and direction for MBR in partnership with the Chair, Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He works with MBR Task Forces and MBR leadership to develop its agenda on public policy matters - particularly in the areas of competitiveness, health care, education, and transportation and infrastructure - and convey those ideas to opinion leaders and policy makers to help inform their deliberations.

JD has worked in and around Beacon Hill for more than 20 years. In the Legislature, he was the Chief of Staff to the House Committee on Commerce and Labor, and was the education issues analyst and Deputy Budget Director for the House Committee on Ways and Means. After working as both a budget analyst and Assistant to the President at the University of Massachusetts, JD worked as the Legislative Director for State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien and then as Issues Director for the O'Brien-Gabrieli gubernatorial campaign in 2002.

He joined MBR in 2004 after serving as Legislative/Issues Director for the Early Education for All (EEA) Campaign, where he was responsible for developing and driving legislative support for EEA's legislation and agenda which included the creation of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. He currently serves on the Department's Board of Directors as Chairman.

In addition, he serves on the Executive Committees of both the Governor's STEM Advisory Committee and the state's Health Care Quality and Cost Council Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education.

JD holds a Masters in Public Affairs from the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and has a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Public Policy and Telecommunications Writing from Syracuse University. He lives in Arlington, MA with his wife Lori and his two daughters, Sadie and Tessa.